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Education

Prevention of smoking in schools and colleges.

* 38 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to question No. 1528 answered on 27th February 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have called for a report on the effect which the circular issued in 1925 for preventing smoking in schools and colleges has had on the students; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—The Director of Public Instruction states that the complete reports have not been received as yet to the circular issued by him calling for information, but that the replies received so far enable him to say with confidence that the circular issued in 1925 has had a perceptible effect in the prevention of juvenile smoking.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"How many of the educational institutions have sent replies to the circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"All replies have not yet been received."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to obtain reports from such institutions which have not sent their report so that we may have fuller information?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes."

Admission into the Madras Law College of students who fail in the F.L. Examination.

* 39 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Law College Council at any time made proposals for admitting into the B.L. class students who have failed in the F.L. examination;

(b) why the Government have not till now allowed such admissions to be made;

(c) whether those reasons will cease to exist after the abolition of the pleadership class;

(d) what the loss of fee income to the Government is on account of the Madras law students having to go to Trivandrum; and

(e) whether Government will consider the desirability of admitting in the Madras Law College students who fail in the F.L. examination?

A.—(a) In 1923, the Government invited the views of the Law College Council on the proposal in question. The Council expressed themselves against the proposal.

(b) It is considered educationally undesirable that a student should be attending lectures in some subjects when he is preparing for examination in other subjects not taught to him in his class room.

(c) No.

(d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government are unable to entertain the suggestion.

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" In view of the opinion held by the Government that 'it is educationally undesirable that a student should be attending lectures in some subjects when he is preparing for examination in other subjects not taught to him in his class room,' may I know how in Trivandrum Law College they allow such a thing ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" What is considered as good by the Travancore Government may not be considered so by the Madras Government."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Since the Government obtained this opinion, viz., that it is undesirable 'that a student should be attending lectures . . . etc.,' so long ago as 1925, can they not attempt to elicit a fresh opinion now ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am still of opinion that it is educationally undesirable. There are peculiar conditions prevailing in Madras and it would not be suitable to adopt the system proposed."

Special lectures in the Madras Law College.

* 40 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many special lectures were given in the Law College each year during the last two years ;

(*b*) what amount was spent every year for this purpose ; and

(*c*) what percentage of students on an average attended these lectures ?

A.—(*a*) 62 in 1926-27.
55 in 1927-28.

(*b*) Rs. 15,000 during each of the two years.

(*c*) As attendance was not taken during the special lectures, it is not possible to give the information required under this head.

Mr. A. B SHETTY :—" May I know whether it is a fact that only a small number of students on an average attend these special lectures."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

Progress made by the Committee to co-opt Agricultural Education with that of Arts.

* 41 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the progress made in the work of the Committee to co-opt Agricultural education with that of Arts ?

A.—The final report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out detailed proposals for the teaching of the elements of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools has not yet been received. The Director has been asked to expedite the submission of the report.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" May I know definitely in what stage the work of the Committee is ? "